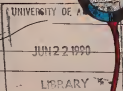


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U.S. Blackfeet Want Artifacts Returned

by Deborah Shatz

The leaders of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana are protesting the sale of sacred aboriginal artifacts to the Alberta Provincial Museum. And a delegation of "outraged and hurt" elders are expected to arrive in Edmonton mid-June to request that the collection, known as the Scriber Blackfeet collection, be returned to their community.

The Blackfeet leaders feel they have a moral, emotional and legal claim to the artifacts, particularly to the sacred bundles and pipes purchased by the museum. According to Gordon Belacourt, president of Montana's Blackfeet Community College, the Native American Freedom of Religion Act prohibits the sale of spiritual items. He also indicated that the Blackfeet are taking the matter to the United Nations World Court.

The collection includes 1500 pieces of Blackfoot material dating back from the mid-1800s to the early 1990s. It was sold to the museum for \$1.1 million U.S. by private museum owner Robert Scriber. The items included in the collection were brought to Robert Scriber - and earlier to his father



Thaddeus - for sale or gifts.

According to Canadian officials the purchase is viewed as a repatriation of important Blackfoot Indian artifacts. "For years this collection has been in private hands, inaccessible to the public," declared Doug Main,

SPECIAL CONSTABLE POSITIONS ABOLISHED: RCMP Integrates Native Officers into Force

by Brian Savage

Native constables with the RCMP will now have the opportunity to be full RCMP officers. The Native special constable positions will be abolished in an attempt to "increase participation by the Aboriginal people in the RCMP", explained RCMP Commissioner Norman

Inkster.

"There has been attached to the rank of special constable some unintended and unanticipated stigma, and I felt we could do away with it," declared Inkster. He added that he felt the problems revolving around special constables were "preventing some aboriginal members from participating fully in the

life of the force."

Native recruits will have to have a Grade 10 education and can obtain their Grade 12 through funding the RCMP designates for those attending university.

Native Mounties will now be allowed to wear the traditional RCMP uniform but a decision on whether or not braids will be allowed

is still unclear.

The announcement was made during a three-day conference aimed at improving communications between Alberta's Natives and the RCMP.

The conference drew 400 Metis and Indians and 175 RCMP officers as the meeting attempted to deal with the decades of mistrust

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EDITORIAL CANADA EARNING "AMAZON NORTH" LABEL

by Dale Stelter

Due to the short-sighted and profit-based
vision of the forest industry in Canada, our
country is rapidly earning a reputation around
the world as the "Amazon North". And Alberta
is right in the thick of things.

For example, a high-ranking member of the
Canadian government has stated that the international
perception of Canada's forest industry
is that it is needlessly and recklessly destroying
the nation's forests.

The official, who asked not to be named, was
quoted in the Edmonton Journal as saying that
"We have signals from Europe where people
make comparisons between Canada and the
Amazon." He was referring, of course, to the
ongoing destruction of the South American rain
forest, a parallel that Canadian and Albertan
environmentalists have been drawing for quite
some time.

The official also said that "There are voices
in Europe saying, 'We should boycott products
from Canada'." He then hastened to say that
"we no longer deserve this image", a sentiment
that was echoed in the article by the forest
industry representative, who ascribed the international
perceptions to "misinformation."

Yet it certainly doesn't help the image of the
beleaguered Alberta pulp industry that a division
of Jaako Poyry, the Finnish company hired to
re-assess the recommendations of the Alberta-Pacific
review board, has engineered a bleached-kraft mill
in the Amazon rain forest.

As well, the Alberta New Democrats recently
presented the legislature with a report from a
Thai environmental organization, stating that
Jaako Poyry has significantly contributed to
Amazon rain forest destruction.

On another front, a prominent United States
newspaper executive bluntly told the Canadian
pulp and paper industry that it has to start using
recycled newsprint or lose a significant market
for its product.

Mason Sizemore, president of the Seattle
Times newspaper, told representatives of the

Canadian pulp industry that "If U.S. publishers
can't get the product we need from Canada, we
are going to buy it elsewhere."

Indeed, some states have already passed
legislation requiring recycled fibre in newsprint,
and many other states are expected to follow
suit. For example, California is requiring 25%
recycled content by 1991, and Florida is calling
for 50% by 1992.

Sizemore, who was speaking at a Calgary
economic outlook conference sponsored by the
Conference Board of Canada, was quoted in the
Edmonton Journal, and also said, "In the
meantime, some environmentalists in the States
are comparing the people who run your forest
industry to those who are raping the rain forests
of Brazil."

Sizemore then said, "And, unfortunately,
newsprint mills in Western Canada are doing
little to disabuse this kind of criticism."

In reference to the reasons put forth by the
Canadian pulp industry for not including recycled
fibre in their product, Sizemore cited a
long list of excuses, and said that "Western
Canadian manufacturers, with their ready
supply of virgin fibre, are simply stonewalling."

Strong words from a business executive, at an
economic conference. This guy isn't a representative
of some environmental group trying to rob
some companies out of their profits, or of a Native
group trying to stop the companies from
moving onto timber-rich lands.

It makes a mockery out of the Alberta
government's continuing silver-tongued rhetoric,
about the province's stringent environmental
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Letters to the Editor

May 14, 1990

Dear Editor:

Tansi! I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for your fine publication—*Alberta Native News*.

I enjoy reading your newspaper even though it is out-of-province for me here in Manitoba. It just goes to show that my interest in Native people all across "our" land. I hope I continue receiving your paper as it is most enjoyable.

I would also like to wish you all (the staff) at *Alberta Native News*, the very best in the coming months, etc.

May the Great Spirit grant you many clear skies and an open path. Thanks once again.

Sincerely,

Ernest Monias

Band Councillor

Cross Lake Band of Indians, Manitoba



May 11, 1990

Tlowitsis-Mumtagila First Nations

We, the Hereditary Chiefs of the Tlowitsis-Mumtagila First Nations, who have unextinguished Aboriginal Title to Robson Right and to the Tsitika Watershed, now demand that all the destruction being inflicted on this last natural paradise on the eastern shores of Vancouver Island be stopped.

No one company or group of people have the right to brutalize nature. We stood by and watched while non-Natives argued over land that they have no proven title to—for we have not given it or sold it to them. We are not satisfied with the resolve and therefore demand that the butchery of the Tsitika Watershed be stopped or we shall be forced to assert our Aboriginal Title in less diplomatic ways.

Let it be understood that we are not

interested in creating a park. We do not require that kind of protection as we have never destroyed valuable and fruitful watersheds. Under our rightful management it would be protected and conserved as a wilderness or natural habitat, feeding people with food rather than money.

The devastation of our territories, from an aerial view, is awesome in scope. The rape of our land is painful to behold. Enough is enough...thou shall not log the rest of the Tsitika Watershed by law of the Tlowitsis-Mumtagila First Nations Hereditary Chiefs.

Chief Councillor John M. Smith
Tlowitsis-Mumtagila F.N.

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All parties agreed that the meeting was helpful and hoped that better communication would be established. This included the RCMP listening to what elders had to say, an offer accepted with

Eventually, elders may have a greater role in the determination of a Native's sentence and

Currently there are 400 Natives in the 17,000-member force. A provincial RCMP

study on Native policing focused on the lack of communication between the force and Natives. It also found that Native complaints against the force numbered only 117 out of 1,218 from 1986 to

The study also found that the special Native constables were "perceived by themselves

Native leaders are hailing the move to integrate special constables to full RCMP status as a "tremendous step forward."



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• The Native Brotherhood Annual Pow Wow will be held June 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Edmonton Correctional Institution. For more information call Russell Auger at 58-1884.

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We all have a Free-will, and a need to survive. We are living proof of our forefathers' will to survive. It is with us today.

There is what psychologists call "self-talk" in all of us, constantly

by Del Louis

suggesting to us what to say, how to act, where we go, what we do and so on. By the technique of changing this self-talk into powerful positive motivating phrases, we can change our whole world and perception of what we can accomplish while life runs through our veins.

People with a 'burning desire' will overcome all odds to face a challenge or accomplish a goal.

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May the Creator grant you a clear sky and an open road.

Energetic Elder Encourages Preservation of Metis Culture

by Heather Andrews

Thanks to Georgina Thompson, the preservation of Metis culture at the Kikino Metis Settlement is assured. Thompson, 67, has always incorporated traditional ways into her family's lifestyle. And through the Kikino Northern Lites Metis Cultural Dance Group, she has ensured the practice will be carried on in the community.

Thompson founded the dance group in 1979 with the help of funding from the Education North Society of Alberta. According to Roger Littlechild, administrator at Kikino, "We place strong emphasis on cultural preservation here at the settlement." Metis dancing is a blend of the Indian traditional pow wow, and the French and Irish reels. As well, the costumes reflect the styles and significance of the Metis culture. Language enrichment and a cultural resource centre complete the preservation program.

At first, Thompson guided the group through performances for the 900 residents of the settlement, located 120 miles northeast of Edmonton. As their confidence grew, however the 15 members of the group ventured farther afield. Thompson led the dancers and musicians through music festivals, telethons, the Louis Riel Memorial at Batoche in 1985, and several weeks performing at Expo '86 in Vancouver. Along the way, they won numerous awards and titles.

Further invitations poured in to the dancers following their regular appearances in 1987 on the CBC-TV show *Native Nashville Now*.

"There are two groups practising weekly, now," says Littlechild. "Georgina has a younger group of 7 to 12 year-olds learning, too." The groups work at mastering the intricate, highly entertaining steps of the Red River Jig, Duck Dance, Drops of Brandy, Reel of Eight, and Square Dance. Gerald White is the leader; Thompson is the instructor and recruiter. "Georgina is active in all events at Kikino," Littlechild says. "She and her husband Leo raised seven children and now are helping to raise their grandchildren."

Kikino values the work Thompson has done with the Northern Lites dance group. In 1985, the settlement honoured the group by issuing a plaque of merit, which bore the inscription "to be part of a group of champions, is to be a champion yourself in all respects." Again, in 1988, the settlement recognized the efforts of the leaders and dancers alike, when the Kikino Northern Lites were incorporated into a recognized entity within the Metis Settlement.

In the community today, the group hosts regular Tuesday cultural promotion sessions, where the lively music of the violin and the rhythm guitar and, of course, dancing, make an enjoyable evening.

Under Thompson's guidance, the group continues in 1990 to entertain all across western Canada. And with her encouragement and training, it seems likely that they will be around for many years to come.

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The Games are dedicated "to the growth of our people and understanding among mankind," and to start a fire where "all faces: Black, Red, White and Yellow will reflect in harmony and unity as long as the sun shines and the rivers flow."

Opening ceremonies will be held at the Universiade Pavilion at the University of Alberta and will be called "A Day For All Indigenous Nations," featuring hoop, grass, and jig dancers and musicians and throat singers as well as a variety of other performers from many different Native bands and nations.

A special VIP Indigenous Banquet will be held at the Edmonton Convention Centre and then the serious competitions will start the next day at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, home to many of the competitions.

Some of the sporting events include track and field, archery, wrestling, shooting, boxing, lacrosse, swimming and softball. There will also be six competitors from west coast nations taking part in war canoe races.

The Kinsmen Sports Centre will also be the site of an arts and crafts fair where artists and vendors will have their wares available for sale or display.

Performing groups will be staging events at locations around the city, including Sir Winston Churchill Square.

Other events taking place in or near Edmonton during the Indigenous Games include Pow-Wows at the Poundmaker-Nechi lodge in St. Albert and at the Enoch Indian Reserve on the western border of Edmonton.



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ALBERTA TASK FORCE HEARS PROPOSAL FOR NATIVE OFFENDERS

by Brian Savage



Rick Yellowbird, spokesperson for the Native Brotherhood organization at the Drumheller Institute, called for Native prisoners to serve their time in their own communities and at the same time receive minimum wage for work or while attending school.

Yellowbird was addressing the inquiry as it toured the federal prison where one in four of the inmate population is Native.

Yellowbird called for the radical idea of paying prisoners to help break the vicious cycle of repeat offend-

ers; the prisoner, instead, would have some money set aside for a new life after his or her prison term is finished.

The Samson Reserve Native now doing four years for armed robbery called for a choice to be given to Native offenders, to choose between doing time in a prison run by the white man's rules, or that of an "alternate form of incarceration," as Yellowbird described it.

"This would be taking the concept of punishment to the offender, and the most powerful peer group would be his own

family. By keeping the man within his own community, with his family addressing his addiction or problems, paying him to work or go to school, there is no need to reintegrate him into the community when he hasn't left it."

Task force officials heard testimony from inmates of ineffectual Native programs, bias against Natives in the Parole Board, and racism from lawyers and judges.

Inmate Robert Alook said that the first question asked by lawyers was whether the man you are charged with killing

was white or Native, and if the man murdered was a Native, the sentence would probably be lighter than if the victim was white.

Inmates expressed concern over other issues such as the placement of Native children in non-Native foster homes as part of the alienation process that Natives go through, and resolving the problems that exist on reserves, the high unemployment, the poor housing and poverty, which all contribute to Natives moving to the city.

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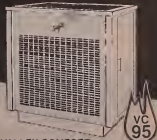


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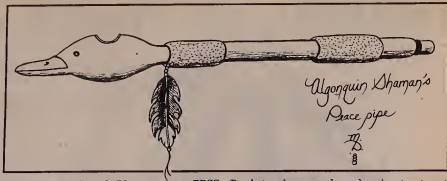
by Dale Stelter

According to Peter Strikes With A Gun, director of the Peigan Prevention Counselling Services, a truly effective program for dealing with alcohol and drug addiction must address the needs of the community it serves, especially in cultural matters.

"For so long," Peter says, "Native culture was ignored and suppressed, and aspects of it were even forbidden."

As a result, many Natives suffered from identity loss, and their innermost needs were often addressed through the use of alcohol and drugs, with widespread social and economic ramifications.

Therefore, the programs that are offered by Peigan Prevention Counselling Services (PPCS), which is located in Brocket, strongly emphasize Native traditions, customs, and rituals.



Formed approximately fifteen years ago, PPCS originally focused on crisis-oriented treatment. However, as Peter Strikes With A Gun indicates, such techniques only address the symptoms of addiction problems, and do not attack the causes. Therefore, PPCS then began developing addition prevention programs.

Now, PPCS's programs emphasize three important aspects of alcohol and drug abuse treatment. First, there is the actual counselling component, including the handling of crises and disputes, short-term counselling for dealing with addiction, family-oriented courses, and referrals to other agencies.

Second, there are the programs aimed at preventing dependence upon, or addiction to, alcohol and drugs. These programs rely heavily upon educational and awareness-raising techniques and resources.

Third, there are the "after-care" aspects, emphasizing family strengthening, job training, and networking with other support agencies.

For example, PPCS works with Native Counselling Services of Alberta, and holds regular meetings with members of the RCMP. PPCS also cooperates closely with the Jim Wolf Tail Memorial Residence—located right across the street from PPCS in

Brocket—where people undergoing treatment can stay.

As well, PPCS utilizes the services of a youth worker, who implements youth-oriented programs, especially in the areas of education and recreation.

Therefore, as Peter Strikes With A Gun emphasizes, "Our programs are community-based. We understand that each Native community faces its own set of unique problems. For things to change, we ourselves have to take action, and not be audiences while someone from the outside brings solutions in."

PPCS's facilities are open from 8 a.m. until midnight, and many of the programs and courses are offered in the evenings, to accommodate the schedules and needs of the members of the community. PPCS also strives to maintain an informal and comfortable atmosphere at the facilities, so that people will know that they are welcome to stop by, even if it is just to talk, or have a coffee.

In these and many other ways, PPCS is working toward its ultimate goal of completely eliminating alcohol and drug abuse from the community. Integral to PPCS's successes so far have been the efforts of the many volunteers who help out, and the support of the chief and council.

For further information, you can phone Peigan Prevention Counselling Services at (403) 965-3919 or 965-3918. The Fax number is (403) 965-2331, and the mailing address is Box 137, Brocket, TOK 0H0.



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GRAVES TO BE MORE SUITABLY MARKED

by Barbara Smith

A cemetery lies at the far eastern boundary of St. Albert. It was acquired by the city through annexation during the late 1970s.

Among the people buried there are 98 northern natives, victims of the post war tuberculosis epidemic.

Over the years their grave markers have become misplaced. Most were simple wooden crosses that had merely disintegrated. Others, though, were granite tombstones. The remains of a few of those can still be found lying forlornly against the steel link fence.

City of St. Albert parks planner, John Beedle, acted



to partially rectify the deficiency. He had a boulder from north of Lac La Nonne hauled to the cemetery and placed at the foot of three towering fir trees. A stone path leading to the boulder was also laid. Until recently this was how the graves were honoured.

Some months ago retired Charles Camsell Hospital head nurse Elva Taylor became involved in the project.



"This all started when someone from the Duffield area went to the Camsell for their proof of birth," explained Taylor. "He was referred to the Anglican Archdeacon who kept the records. Although the church leader had died 20 years before, his widow was able to find a list of names."

Amazingly all but three victims' names have been located. In addition to the walkway and boulder a cairn will now be erected.

"This will be much more suitable," acknowledged Beedle.

Although the exact locations of graves have likely been lost forever, some areas have at least been determined. The cairn will be situated centrally and names of those buried in each of the four directions will be inscribed on granite plaques set in the sides of the monument.

The project is being funded by the Department of Health, Government of the Northwest Territories and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.



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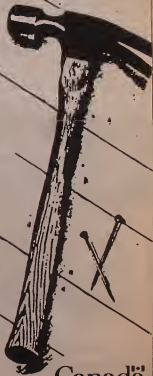
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METIS GAIN SETTLEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT

by Brian Savage

According to Attorney General Ken Rostad, Alberta has become the first Canadian province to grant self-government to Metis people; this includes title to settlement lands of 506,250 hectares as well.

Rostad said the agreement, worth \$310 million spread over 17 years and designed to make the Metis settlements self-sufficient, was a "benchmark" for future negotiations between govern-

ments and natives across Canada.

The legislation comes five years after the government first announced it was going to transfer land titles to the Metis settlements.

The financial breakdown sees each Metis settlement get \$30 million a year for seven years, half of the amount to go to improvements on the settlement, \$10 million on maintenance and settlement operations and the rest to be banked for later use.

After the first time period is completed, the settlements will receive \$10 million spread over the next decade.

A transition commission made up of Metis leaders and government officials will oversee the initial funding to the settlements.

There are 5,000 Metis living on the eight settlements, and those presently living off the settlements will be allowed to move back.

LOCAL 97 OF MAA IS REBORN

by Deborah Shatz

Local 97 of the Metis Association of Alberta came alive this past month after laying dormant for a number of years.

A meeting was held in Edmonton at Eastwood Hall. Thirty-five people attended and a new board was elected as follows:

Tim Collins - President;
Jerry Quintal - Vice President;
Ronald Joe - Secretary Treasurer;
Jacques Bouvier - Board Member;
Robert Wanuch - Board Member.

According to Collins the new leaders are very enthusiastic about the possibilities for the Local.

Their first task in "getting it back on its feet" will be to "become incorporated, establish a bank account and look at some fund raising."

Collins is hoping that the Local will be able to serve as a "liaison and advocate" for the urban Native population, notably people living in the Cromdale, Beverly, Highland and Norwood areas of Edmonton. "If you have a problem," says Collins, "we could deal with it in a responsible manner."

Collins acknowledged the help of Joe Blyan, Vice President of the M.A.A. Regional Council in the reactivation of Local 97. For more information Tim Collins can be reached at 473-3168. Ronald Joe can provide membership information at 471-6814.



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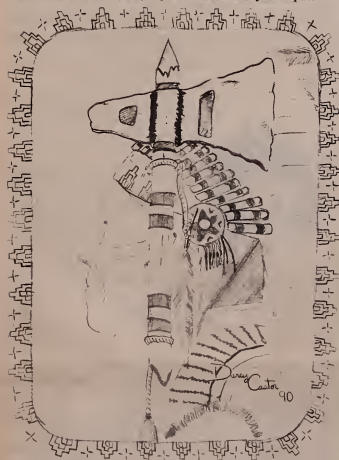
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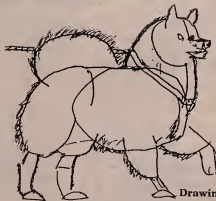
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SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SECTION

KIDS: This is your page. We welcome all letters, art-work and poetry. Thank you for your interest and your input.



Darcy Castor, Grade 9 Swift Junior High School, Lac La Biche



Drawing by Trevor Lee

We sincerely apologize to Trevor to whom we gave an incorrect name in our May issue

TWISTED FAITH

The Earth screams in agony, screams in pain
An echo that bounces right through my brain
There is a nothingness in the future that lies ahead
For if we keep it up we will all end up dead.

The Mother Earth is being beaten and torn
while we, the people, sacrifice our unborn
We are killing the earth in ways more than one
While we mingle, dance, laugh, cry and have fun.

What must be done, what must we do?
The answer, my friends, is up to you.

- Floyd Roasting



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The Saddle Lake Post Secondary Education Program invites band members who are eligible applicants to apply for educational sponsorship. This invitation is in reference to the University College Entrance Program (U.C.E.P.) which is a one year sponsorship program. The Saddle Lake Post Secondary Education Program staff would like all fall semester applicants to submit and confirm their applications prior to the date, June 29, 1990.

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Dear Alberta Native News

Tansi. I wish to introduce myself to your newspaper and staff, and also to your many readers.

I am a 22-year-old male from Saddle Lake, Alberta. I enjoy your newspaper. I seem to get a lot of support from it, knowing that you stand behind most of the topics and stories told. I also am somewhat of a poetry and story (tales) fanatic. Often I think of poems, stories or

prayers that just pop out of my head on to paper. I am sending you examples of my pictures and poetry with the hope that you print them, as they contain important messages of advice that is special to me, and that I wish to share with my brothers. I would like to thank you for the encouragement you have provided through your outstanding staff and newspaper. (Thank you) Hiy Hiy.

Yours truly, James P. Cardinal



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MEMORIES OF YOU, MAKES ME KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME,
AND THAT FEELING MAKES ME HAPPY IN MY WORLD,
I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, IN MY OWN LITTLE WORLD OF LOVE.

JAMES P. CARDINAL

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation and respect for Ken Ward for coming out in the open with his affliction with AIDS. I commend his honesty and courage.

People with AIDS are discriminated against and shunned, some are even abandoned by their own families and friends, so it takes courage and concern for others to come out in the open and say you have AIDS or are HIV positive. This discrimination and fear of people with the disease is due to our ignorance and lack of knowledge

about this fearful disease.

Ken has thrown the ball into our yards "That Indians can and do get AIDS" so now it is up to us in Indian Country to face AIDS. We have to educate ourselves with proper knowledge about the disease. We cannot ignore it.

Thank you, Ken, for your honesty and courage. I am glad that you are crusading for AIDS awareness in Indian Country. My prayers are with you.

Sincerely, Tina Fox

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On the Pow Wow Trail

We at the Alberta Native News have made an effort to compile a list of pow wows and celebrations happening in Alberta this summer. Below are listed the events that have come to our attention. This list is by no means complete but we hope it will be helpful:

- The Native Brotherhood Annual Pow Wow will be held June 10 from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Edmonton Correctional Institution. For more information call Russell Auger at 458-1884.
- Fort Vermilion Treaty Days will commence on June 15th at the Tall Cree Site. Phone 927-3727 for details.
- High Level will be hosting a Pow Wow on June 29 and 30. Contact Patricia Williams at 926-2201 for information.
- The Poundmaker/Nechi Pow Wow will be held in St. Albert on June 28 to July 1. For details contact Ray Delorme at 458-1884.
- The Alexis 12th Annual Pow Wow will commence July 13 to 15 in Glenaville. Dan Alexis can be reached for information at 967-2225.
- A tipi village and annual Pow Wow will be held in Fort Macleod from July 20 - 22.
- A Pow Wow and Cultural Days will be held at the Beaver Lake Reserve from August 3 through the 6th.
- The Onion Lake Band is hosting a Pow Wow on July 1. Contact Bruce Whitson at (306) 344-2322.
- The Prince Albert Indian and Metis Pow Wow will be held on August 17 - 16 at the Prince Albert Exhibition Grounds. For details phone Brenda at (306) 764-3431.
- The Saddle Lake Annual Pow Wow is scheduled for June 22 - 24 in Saddle Lake. For information call Lawrence Large at 726-3829.
- Manitoba Indian Nurses Association are holding a conference August 17 - 19 in Winnipeg. The theme is *The Child - Taking Responsibility*. For more information contact Charlene Ball at (204) 943-3486, Fax Number: (306) 942-3030.
- On August 24 - 26 the Kahkewistahaw Indian Nation is hosting a Pow Wow celebration. For information call Chief Bernard Bob (306) 696-3291, Fax: (306) 696-3201.
- Buffalo Lake Fastball Tournament will be held at the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement in Caslan on June 16 and 17. \$2500. in prize money plus trophies. Contact Bernie at 689-2051.
- The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre is celebrating 25 years of service with an open house, fashion show, Native dancers, and a talent show. June 22 and 23.



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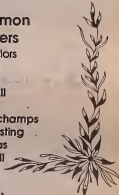
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Last month, through the pages of the *Alberta Native News*, Ken Ward eloquently shared with us the plight of a Native HIV/AIDS sufferer. He made us realize the loneliness, the alienation and the frustration that a person with this 'medical death sentence' feels, especially when the victim is a Native. But Ken Ward is not at all depressed. Rather, he's offering hope, the Feather of Hope, to all human beings, but especially to Native HIV/AIDS victims.

Ken dreams of a coalition among Natives, starting in Alberta, but eventually spreading across Canada. This association will try to make life more tolerable for HIV/AIDS sufferers, their families, friends and care-givers. Ken has named this coalition "Feather of Hope." The coalition, or society, he is founding will provide AIDS information and education to Native people in their own language and in the context of their society, culture and spirituality.

The first steps in realizing Ken's dream have already taken place. On May 8, 1990, the first or-

ganizational meeting was held at Dr. Anne Anderson's Cultural Centre. In attendance were representatives from the AIDS Network, Provincial AIDS Program, Yellowhead Tribal Council -Native AIDS Project, Community Health Representatives, Alberta Indian Health Care Commission, Social Services, Medical Services Branch, Solicitor General's Department, Boyle Street Co-op and the Alberta Human Rights Office. A second meeting was held on June 5, 1990, to discuss incorporation as a non-profit, self-help and educational society and to elect an Executive Board. Both meetings were highly successful and the project is receiving a strong, positive response from both the Native and non-Native communities.

It takes more than good will for a project like this to succeed. It takes funding and hard work, but most of all it takes co-operation on the part of all concerned. Ken has the dream, the funding will be obtained and there is already a nucleus of workers; the rest is in the hands of the Great Spirit and His people.

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NATIVE CLOTHING AND CRAFTS SHOP OPENS IN HIGH PRAIRIE

by Ryan Edwards

For nearly ten years, Yvonne Willier, of the Sucker Creek Reserve near High Prairie, has sold Native clothing and crafts out of her home. In March, she made a large step forward and opened up her own shop in the Tradewinds Plaza in High Prairie.

Yvonne has kept the same name for her business, Moostoos Arts and Crafts, as when she operated out of her home. She stocks a wide range of articles, including hand-made moccasins, jackets, vests, and carrying bags, and does moose-hair tufting, quillwork, and hide tanning. Her work can be custom ordered.

Yvonne also stocks contemporary clothing with Native motifs, children's clothing, and some novelty items for children.

As Yvonne says, "My main concern has always been to keep Native arts and crafts alive, by promoting them and through teaching." Indeed, over the past ten years she has taught Native arts and crafts courses at the Alberta Vocational College in

Grouard, specializing in clothing and textiles. Yvonne has reached a lot of people through her teaching, as she estimates that over the years, she has taught approximately five to ten classes per year, and these classes have consisted of approximately eight to fifteen people.

Between her arts and crafts business, teaching, and raising two children with her husband Russell, Yvonne has obviously been very busy. In addition to all of these activities, she displays her wares at craft fairs and shows. As well, some of her works have been bought by museums and collectors.

As for future plans, Yvonne hopes to market more and more of her goods outside of

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the High Prairie area. Yvonne can be reached at Moostoos Arts and Crafts by phoning 523-4600, and her mailing address is Box 1882, High Prairie, T0G 1E0. Good luck, Yvonne!

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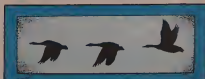
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The artifacts were purchased last October through the efforts of the Alberta government and the federal governments of both Canada and the United States and the Scriver Family. The Alberta Blackfoot Nation, notably the Peigan, have been involved in planning the museum exhibit and recently conducted a special ceremony at the museum to purify the artifacts. They are looking forward to borrowing selected items for use in their traditional ceremonies.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on June 22 and 23. All are invited to join in the celebrations through the following activities:

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FASHION SHOW:

6:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, featuring a variety of Native and contemporary fashions. This will be followed by:

NATIVE DANCERS:

7:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, featuring the Driftpile Dancers. These events will take place at the Muskoseepi Park Amphitheatre.

TALENT SHOW:

1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 23, Muskoseepi Park Amphitheatre.

In case of inclement weather the Fashion Show, Native Dancers and Talent Show will be moved to the Grande Prairie Regional College Theatre, 10726 - 106 Avenue.

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SALUTE TO THE NORTH

Communities of Central Arctic Known for Art Work

by Heather Andrews



The heritage of the Inuit people is in little danger of being lost, at least not in six tiny communities along the Arctic Coast. Native crafts from the area are becoming known worldwide

lowknife and has a population of 600. A traditional way of life still exists here, with families moving to summer camps for hunting, trapping and fishing. The people preserve their heritage through beautiful wall hangings, and soapstone or bone carvings.

The 460 residents of nearby Spence Bay are known for their use of dyes obtained from natural lichens in the area. Colourful toys, parkas and other woven garments are offered for sale in the local co-op. The Netsilik Inuit of Spence Bay are also carvers of exquisite whale bone and soapstone sculptures.

Pelly Bay, which is east of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven, became a permanent settlement when the stone church of the Catholics was built there in 1935. The 250 residents are still involved in sealing, hunting and fishing, and in producing miniature ivory carvings, wall hangings and hand-sewn articles of clothing.

On the south coast of Victoria Island is Cambridge Bay, which boasts a bigger population of 900, of which 75% are Inuit. Many work in government positions as the

settlement is a regional headquarters for the Territorial government. Traditional hunting and fishing and trapping of the many white fox are still practised. As well, arts and crafts are produced and sold locally including carvings of caribou bone and narwhal tusk, and sealskin tapestries, parkas and wall hangings.

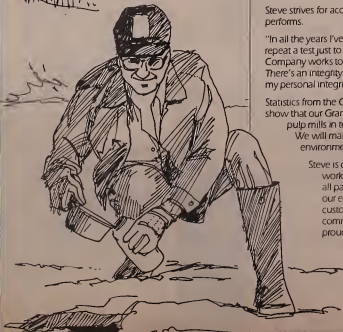
Holman, on the other side of Victoria Island, is becoming known for its silkscreen prints. The Catholic missionaries brought the art to Holman in 1939. Also, many of the 350 residents produce bone and soapstone carvings.

The Inuit of Coppermine had long been using copper for arrow and spear heads in addition to a unique circular knife called an "ulu," when they were first visited by explorers in the 1770s. Now a traditional way of life is blended in with oil and gas exploration. As well, many of the 850 inhabitants are skilled carvers of soapstone and copper, or are skilled in the sewing of parkas.

Many people still follow the old ways in the Bathurst Inlet area, too, living by the season. Even this vast area has a craft specialty, with soapstone chess boards and cribbage boards carved patiently by hand.

Today the work of these artists is being sent to art shows, retail stores and cultural displays in the south. In addition, tourism is becoming big business, with fishing, hiking, and big game hunting being popular attractions in all the communities.

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DAISHOWA GRANTED OPERATING LICENSES

Company purchases rights to log in Wood Buffalo National Park

by Dale Stelter

Daishowa of Canada has been issued licenses to operate its \$500-million pulp mill. The mill, which is located near Peace River, will use the bleached kraft pulping process and will begin full-scale operations this summer.

In issuing the licenses, the Alberta government said that Daishowa had satisfied all necessary requirements. The Tories also indicated that if the licenses had not been issued, the government may have been vulnerable to court action.

However, the Daishowa mill is already embroiled in a number of ongoing legal cases. Native and environmental groups have filed two actions in federal court, in attempts to force the federal government to carry out an environmental assessment of the mill. Hearings for the court actions have been put off until September, because no judges will be available until then.

The Little Red River Tribe, who live downstream from the mill site, has filed one of the court actions. The other has been filed by the Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, in conjunction with the Friends of the North environmental organization.



Another case has been launched in provincial court, by other environmental groups and a private citizen, and involves Daishowa's Forest Management Agreement.

Critics and environmentalists have reacted strongly to the issuing of Daishowa's operating licenses. John McInnis, New Democrat environment critic, indicated that the licenses were granted without public hearings, despite the government's claims of commitment to public involvement and input. He also noted that the licenses were issued on a day when the legislature was not in session.

The Friends of the North also criticized the move. Lorraine Vetsch, of the Edmonton chapter of the Friends of the North,

said that once the mill is running, it will be impossible to collect critical base-line environmental data needed for the court actions, because pollutants will already have been dumped into the Peace River.

Vetsch also said that the Daishowa mill should not be allowed to start up until the studies on the Athabasca-Peace River system, called for in the report of the Alberta-Pacific public review panel, have been completed. As well, she said, there should be public hearings into Daishowa's Forest Management Agreement.

On June 2nd, about 75 people took part in a protest demonstration at the Daishowa mill site. Members of the Friends of the Peace, the South Peace Environmental Association, Edmonton Friends of the North, and Northern Lights of Calgary were present.

In related news, Daishowa has purchased the right to harvest trees in Wood Buffalo National Park from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor). However, since the High Level Division of Canfor retains the lease to the lumber in the park, a ministerial review of the harvesting operations is not required.

The area is considered to be one of the last large stands of old growth spruce trees in Alberta. Wood Buffalo is the only park in Canada in which logging is allowed.

An official with Parks Canada recently told the *Edmonton Journal* that the clear-cutting methods used within the park must be improved, because the methods now being used may be having adverse ecological impacts, and affecting the ability of the forests to regenerate. The official said that he would wish to see logging in the park eliminated after Canfor's lease expires in the year 2002.

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ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

By Dale Stelter

The Ferruginous Hawk



The plight of the ferruginous hawk is a testament to the white man's ignorance of the interconnectedness of the components of nature. The ferruginous hawk, a large bird measuring about 55 to 60 centimeters in length, was once common on the prairies of southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Before the settlement of the prairies, it is estimated that there were over 5,000 breeding pairs of these hawks, a sizable number for a large predator at the top of a grassland food chain. They nested mainly in cliffs, and rarely, in trees, as the species is seldom found in

woodland areas.

Ironically, it is the ferruginous hawk's strong preference for open and undisturbed grassland that has contributed to its decline, until there are now only an estimated 250 to 300 breeding pairs remaining in Canada.

Firstly, as more and more grassland has been subjected to settlement and cultivation, the ferruginous hawk's nesting sites have been disturbed, and its prey species displaced. Secondly, with the disappearance of the bison from the prairies at the hands of the white man, and widespread control of prairie fires, much of

the northern prairies have become converted to wooded "parkland", which is unsuitable habitat for the ferruginous hawk.

Consequently, wherever natural grasslands have been eliminated through one or the other of these causes, the ferruginous hawk has basically disappeared.

In addition, as the prairies were being settled the ferruginous hawk fell victim to eradication programs aimed not only at it, but at other species that humans felt were undesirable. For a long time, the hawks were perceived as harmful birds, and were shot by farmers and hunted. In fact, Alberta did not abolish hunting season on the ferruginous hawk until 1958.

Nowadays, farmers are slowly beginning to understand the value of raptor species such as hawks in controlling rodents. For example, it has been calculated that a breeding pair of ferruginous hawks may kill up to 500 ground squirrels, or gophers, in a single nesting season.

Although gophers are the main source of food for the ferruginous hawk, the rodents have also been treated as enemies by farmers and ranchers, and for a long time were subjected to poisoning programs. These programs, of course, had disastrous effects upon the ferruginous hawk, as the birds will eat dead gophers, and take the carrion back to their young in the nests.

Even though the hawks withstood this slaughter, they were later victimized by more "sophisticated" poisons that did not end up killing the birds outright, but disturbed or destroyed their reproductive systems.

The ferruginous hawk still remains in larger numbers in the United States than in Canada, and the species has made a resurgence in some parts of the Canadian prairies, due to the efforts of conservationists. However, if the species is to survive in the long term, it is imperative that sufficient undisturbed grassland habitat be set aside as preserves.

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by Harold Sigalet

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIGEST

by Dale Stelter

Province Satisfied With New Al-Pac Proposal

Alberta Environment has completed its review of Alberta-Pacific's new proposal regarding its planned \$1.3 billion pulp mill. Environment Minister Ralph Klein said he's satisfied with the proposal, which would reduce the usage of chlorine in the pulping process.

The provincial government has not committed itself to public hearings on the new proposal. The federal government is currently reviewing the proposal.

Environmentalists and critics continue to call for public hearings on the proposal, which involves a new and untried technology. There is also concern that if Al-Pac starts up the new treatment and finds it unworkable, the company will then revert back to the original pulping process.

Meanwhile, the reassessment of the report of a public review panel, which recommended that Al-Pac's first proposal not be approved, continues. Jaako Poyry, a Finnish consulting firm which has been shown to have strong ties to the world forestry industry, was hired by the provincial government to conduct the reassessment.

Judge Rejects Request to Stop Work on Oldman Dam

A Court of Queen's Bench judge recently denied a request for an injunction to halt construction on the Oldman Dam. The injunction had been put forth by the Friends of the Oldman River environmental group.

The justice indicated that work could be stopped only if the dam was not being built safely, or if the provincial government was breaking any laws by allowing construction to proceed. In related news, federal Transport Minister Doug Lewis said that Ottawa won't order a halt to construction on the dam. Lewis again cited safety concerns. The federal and provincial governments believe that there is a significant chance of spring flooding in the area, and that the dam should be high enough to withstand that risk. The Friends of the Oldman River organization has vowed to continue fighting the dam.

United Nations Says Global Warming is a Reality

Global warming is already underway, warn scientists from the United Nations. They also say that the emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, must be cut drastically in order to reverse the process. Emissions of some gases must be reduced in half just to stabilize the situation.

These recommendations are in direct contrast to recent comments by U.S. president George Bush, who has urged that emissions not be curbed until further research can be done to confirm that the global warming phenomenon is actually occurring.

As well, Canada's energy ministers recently dropped national guidelines that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by the year 2005.

Orman, Not Klein, Will Pilot Alberta Environment Legislation

Alberta Energy Minister Rick Orman has been given the responsibility for piloting the province's proposed Natural Resources Conservation Board Act through cabinet and the legislature. The Act would deal with environmental assessments of major projects.

Orman also heads the government's economic planning committee. The appointment has prompted speculation as to whether the government is moving to limit Klein's influence in environmental issues, and give added power to the pro-development factions within cabinet.

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- At least 148,000 lakes in eastern Canada have a pH level (which measures acidity) below 6, the level at which adverse biological effects occur. More than 73% of Nova Scotia's lakes have a pH below 6.
- In the 1890's, the global average temperature was 14.5° C; in the 1980's it was 15.2°.
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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTER QUILTS PC'S

by Dale Stelter

Quebec MP Lucien Bouchard has left the federal Conservative caucus, also leaving behind his cabinet position as Environment Minister.

Bouchard, a long-time close friend and ally of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, has served as Environment Minister since January of 1989. Since winning a by-election in the Quebec riding of Lac-St-Jean in June 1988, he had been known as Mulroney's "Quebec Lieutenant", working to promote the government's initial Meech Lake proposal.

However, it was the controversy raging over the Meech Lake Accord that prompted Bouchard's resignation. He said that Quebec should not consider accepting the modifications to the Accord that were recently included in the report of a special Commons committee on the issue.

That committee, led by Quebec MP Jean Charest, put forth 22 recommendations intended to reach a compromise on the Accord. In his resignation speech, Bouchard said, "This report should not have existed, I am against it. And I find that I will have to leave the government with pain and with sadness and I will have to sit as an Independent member." Two other Conservative MPs, backbenchers Francois Gerin and Gilbert Chartrand, have left the party to sit as independents.

Robert de Cotret, who has been in charge of

the Treasury Board, has been named as acting Environment Minister. Environmentalists have decried the choice, pointing out that de Cotret is an economist who belongs to the strongly pro-development faction of cabinet. They say that de Cotret has neither given public indication of an interest in environmental matters, nor stood up for environmental issues, during his tenure in federal politics.

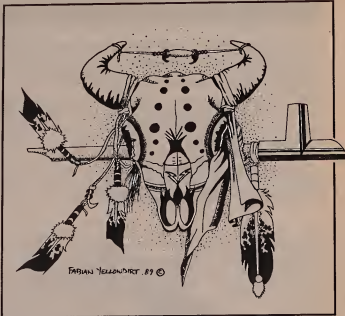
It is not known when a permanent replacement for Bouchard will be named. Environmentalists are saying that the appointment will be an extremely important indicator of the strength of the federal government's commitment to the environment.

Energy Minister Jake Epp has been put in charge of public hearings into Bouchard's initial "Green Plan", or action plan on the environment. The hearings began on May 24 in Winnipeg, and were to be used as input into wide-sweeping environmental legislation that Bouchard planned to table later this year.

The initial "Green Plan" was roundly criticized as lacking substance. It is speculated, however, that Bouchard received stiff opposition from other federal cabinet members to many of his proposals, and that cabinet would not commit a precise sum of money with which to implement the plan. Consequently, it is said, Bouchard had to soften his position on many issues.

In fact, some sources have indicated that the constant battle which Bouchard faced from his cabinet colleagues on environmental matters was also a significant factor in his decision to resign.

Reaction by environmentalists to Bouchard's resignation has varied. However, given the sometimes dubious performances of former Environment Ministers, Bouchard's basically pro-environment stance was often seen as welcome.



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EDUCATION



ADVANCED EDUCATION CENTERS DISCUSS CONCERNS

by Rachel Ann Snow



Recently the Indian Association of Alberta and various post-secondary organizations met to discuss mutual problems in the general area of Education. A two-day meeting organized by Blue Quills and the Indian Association was set up in Edmonton. A round table discussion began with information sharing and culminated in the formation of a new post-secondary association.

The association has been tentatively named the Association of Indian Advanced Education Centers. The new association hopes to deal with

issues such as: accreditation for courses in Indian colleges, federal transfer payments, jurisdiction over education in post-secondary settings, and recommendations for improvement in education to be given to Indian Government.

The talking circle began with Elders, administrative education personnel, political representatives and students offering viewpoints of possible changes to be made in the education system.

The elders stressed the importance of education but maintained that the kind of education many Indian

people receive may not be applicable in the Indian world. The elders stated that course materials should reflect both cultures. It is extremely difficult to apply a foreign system of values or ideas in some Indian settings.

The education personnel from across the province were concerned with federal transfer payments, jurisdiction and accreditation. It appears that many education centers have had similar negative experiences in dealing with the Department of Indian Affairs. The association will consolidate the

Indian voices and mutual concerns of post-secondary centers.

The political representatives, particularly I.A.A. president Roy Louis, noted that Indian Government's role is to receive recommendations and address the concerns raised by the association. Control and jurisdiction of Indian education will strengthen the role of Indian Government.

The Indian students present were concerned about education cutbacks and the crisis raised last year by the proposed changes to the post-secondary assistance program (E-12). The students felt that an education portfolio comprised of students, staff and political representatives must be an ongoing measure to deal with possible upcoming threats to Indian education.

To meet the many demands of Indian education the Association of Indian Advanced Education Centers has established an interim committee to create a mandate and structure for this new association. Eleven objectives, raised in the two-day meeting, will be assessed by the interim committee for the

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STUDENTS ON SUMMER PLACEMENTS

by Dale Stelter

The eighteen Native students enrolled in the Wildlife Management Technology program, offered by the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton, have been working in their summer placement jobs for over a month. These jobs provide practical experience for the students, and fulfill part of the program requirements.

The Wildlife Management Technology program is, at present, a pilot project sponsored by Indian and Northern Affairs, Employment and Immigration Canada, and various local bands. This pilot program was initiated due to a perceived future shortage of personnel with the skills that the graduates would possess.

Twenty-one Native students were originally selected from a total of 235 applicants from across Canada. A short orientation semester began in October of 1989, and the students completed their first full semester of instruction on May 4th.

Before graduating in December of 1991, the students will complete three more semesters of coursework, and one more summer of practicum work. At that time, the students will be awarded a diploma in Biological Sciences, the NAIT department which is co-ordinating the pilot project.

Coursework completed so far includes chemistry, anatomy, entomology, technical mathematics, computer usage and word processing, radio-telephone operation, and First Aid and CPR.

Coursework still to come will cover a wide range of topics, such as those dealing with zoology and botany.

Eighteen students remain in the program, and

in their summer placements, are working with such organizations as Canadian National Parks, Canadian Wildlife Service, Alberta Fish and Wildlife, Alberta Forest Service, Ducks Unlimited, the Saddle Lake Reserve, the RCMP, and the Calgary Police Department.

The students' jobs range from working in national parks, conducting duck surveys, raising captive populations of rare and endangered animal species, operating a fire tower, and working with police in reserve and urban environments.

So far, says NAIT's Dr. Don Pattie, who is coordinating the Wildlife Management Technology pilot project, the responses of the students regarding their summer placements has been very enthusiastic and positive. The hands-on experience that the students obtain will be useful upon graduation.

Indeed, after graduating from NAIT, the students could easily end up working, in different roles, for the same organizations that they are now employed by. Another alternative is to move on to the Environmental Law Enforcement program at Lethbridge Community College, after which the students would be qualified to work in jobs such as a national park warden, or a provincial park ranger.

We would like to offer our congratulations and encouragement to the Native students in the Wildlife Management Technology program, and wish them every success.



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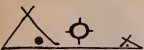
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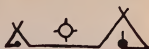
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"DRUMBEAT" REVIEW: Part 2

Drumbeat: Anger and Renewal in Indian Country

Edited by Boyce Richardson

C. 1989, by the Assembly of First Nations

Published by Summerhill Press; 302 pages.

As was mentioned in Part 1 of this review, *Drumbeat* chronicles the struggles of some of Canada's aboriginal peoples to have their rights, and their claims to their homelands, recognized. Part 1 looked at the chapters dealing with the Lubicon, Innu, Temé-Augama Anishnabai, and Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en.

Those four chapters, by themselves, are a damning account of the injustices that Canada's original inhabitants have been subjected to, and the scores of promises that have been made and broken by Canadian governments. Add on the next four chapters, and you have a withering account of the deceit, duplicity, and outright racism that Native people have had to fight against.

The chapter on the Mi'kmaq (Micmac) of Nova Scotia sums up one facet of this ongoing struggle well: "... any steps that would lead to a more equitable sharing of land and resources in the Maritimes would be costly to those who now take for granted the benefits of their ill-gotten gains." Indeed, we learn in detail about how, over the centuries, the land of the Mi'kmaq was encroached upon and taken away, despite agreements such as the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which clearly stated the rights of the natives to the land and resources.

Incidentally, one of the co-authors of this

Review by Ryan Edwards

chapter is Donald Marshall, Sr., the Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq. The plight of his son, who was jailed for eleven years for a murder he did not commit, is included as just one of the examples of the "systemic discrimination and racism that are deeply rooted in the consciousness of the Canadian public and their institutions."

The chapter on the Mohawks of Akwesasne was obviously written before the current controversy raging over gambling. However, we learn about the problems created by the Canadian government's lack of recognition of those parts of the Jay Treaty allowing Natives to travel across the Canada-U.S. border.

In addition, the Canadian government has consistently stymied the attempts of the Mohawks at self-government and to set up their own justice system. In fact, the federal government has blocked the vast majority of the by-laws which the Mohawks have tried to pass, many of which dealt with the problems of peace and order.

There are two chapters dealing with the Algonquin people. The first involves the Algonquins north of the Ottawa River, and was written by Chief Jean-Maurice Matchewan of Barriere Lake, Quebec. As Chief Matchewan states, "none of the entire Algonquin terri-

tory has ever been surrendered or ceded to the Crown". (In fact, Parliament Hill is on unsundered Algonquin land.)

Again, this chapter contains a detailed historical chronicling of the invasion of aboriginal lands by the white people, who cleared large areas of the land for agriculture, clear-cut the forests, and illegally hunted the animals. And again, there is ample evidence of how white governments ignored or abrogated previous agreements.

More of the same is served up in the chapter on the Algonquins south of the Ottawa River, written by Chief Greg Sarazin of the Algonquins of Golden Lake First Nation, in Ontario.

In 1988, the Golden Lake Algonquins set up a road block at the eastern entrance to Algonquin Park, handed out information pamphlets to motorists, and asked them to sign a petition asking the Canadian and Ontario governments to deal with the Algonquin claims. As is shown in detail in this chapter, both levels of government had, for hundreds of years, turned their backs on those claims.

Drumbeat is a timely book that provides a depth of detail that is rarely included in the reports of mainstream literature and media. Hopefully, it will receive wide circulation throughout mainstream society, as it is a useful and powerful educational tool.

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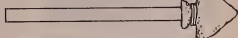
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Book Review

Stoney Creek Woman: The Story of Mary John

by Bridget Moran

Published by Tillacum Library, A Division of Arsenal Pulp Press Book Publishers, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.; C. 1988; 142 pages.

Review by Brian Savage

Stoney Creek Woman is a remarkable book about a remarkable woman, Mary John, a member of the Carrier Indian Band living on the Stoney Creek Reserve near Vanderhoof, B.C.

Told in a straightforward style, the author, Bridget Moran, captures powerfully the underlying strength of this woman who is above all else a survivor and now a living testament to the remarkable conditions Canadian Natives have suffered through. The book chronicles a lifestyle radically altered by the white man, and often punctuated with the sudden death of a family or band member that makes the reader admire the perseverance of not only Mary John,

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- Mary John

but her people as well.

The year that Mary John married, 1929, saw less than 1600 of her people still alive, with only 166 in Stoney Creek itself. Now there are 540 in Stoney Creek. Somehow, Mary John and her people survived.

Mary John's life story is a fascinating time trip, revealing what traditional lifestyles meant to the Natives and all the complex changes that began as the white man started to dictate his control.

For Mary as a young girl it meant having to leave her family and friends, forsake the traditional lifestyle and travel to the remote Mission School in Port St. James.

There she was subjected to a harsh discipline and a near-starvation diet that was foreign to her and the other suffering Native children. The first thing they learned was English, and the incentive was pure fear: whippings for any infraction, including speaking in the Native language.

In 1929 Mary's parents met with the watchmen, elders in the band who arranged marriages, preserved morality and kept band security.

It was then that it was announced to Mary she was to wed Lazare John, a young man with the same amount of choice Mary had—none.

Mary's account of the hardships a Native woman must face and at the same time of the importance of the woman in her role of wife and mother makes for fascinating reading. A life of continual, selfless activity to ensure her family survived.

And what a family! From the age of 17, in 1930, to 36 in 1949, Mary had 12 children and it is both sad and joyful reading of their individual successes and their deaths. And death never seemed far away. Accidents, diseases, alcohol, drugs, all took a heavy toll on the Stoney Creek reserve, a microcosm of the pain all



Natives across Canada suffered and to some extent still do today.

And there was always the racism to deal with, the inferiority whites imposed on the Natives, the corrupt and unfeeling Indian agents, the rampant racism of the businesses in Vanderhoof who banned Natives outright. Mary tells of all these things and yet somehow, as the years go by, Mary notes that there are some changes, some indications that perhaps a better understanding between the two races may yet occur.

A life that never doubted where she was going or what she was doing, Mary kept her family going through the depression, the war, and the changing times, which included a growing militancy for Native rights, with a dedication and strength of character that is inspiring to read.

Named the Citizen of the Year by Vanderhoof's Rotary Club in 1979, Mary has dedicated herself to helping the young learn of the traditions that are slowly eroding, establishing a survival camp in the wilderness and a Potlatch House for events such as weddings.

As a respected elder now, Mary has led not only with her deeds but words as well. As she observes, "It is good to live well like the white people, but we must hang on to what was ours and what was good in the old ways. We must keep our language, our culture, and our land so that, even in Canada, we can still feel that we have our own country."

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by Heather Andrews

Although Marie-Anne Gaboury was born in Quebec, she didn't hesitate to follow her voyageur husband, Jean-Baptiste Lagimodiere, to the unsettled Canadian prairies. Following their 1806 wedding, and in spite of her family's pleadings, they headed to Red River near today's Winnipeg, a voyage of almost 2000 miles over portages and down rivers by canoe, an unheard of accomplishment for a woman of Marie-Anne's delicate upbringing.

The arrival of her first baby did nothing to slow her down. She continued to travel and hunt buffalo with her husband, her small son slung carefully over her saddle in a bag.

The little family travelled westward where another son and a daughter were born. Eventually the family arrived in Fort Edmonton. The city in those days was a rough, tough frontier town, a far cry from the fine life to which she had been accustomed as a youngster. During their four years here, three more children were born.

Marie wanted schools and churches for her growing children, however, who now numbered six. She persuaded her venturesome husband to return to Manitoba. Two more children were born after the return to Selkirk.

Marie-Anne lived to be 95 years old, passing away at St. Boniface in 1875. But we remember her most because of the place her second youngest daughter, Julie, would claim in history.

Julie, born in 1820, married and gave birth at the age of 24 years to a son, who would grow up to be the leader of the Metis at the ill-fated North West Rebellion of 1885, claiming forever a place in the hearts of Metis people everywhere. His name? Louis Riel.



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— J. P. Hardy

The summer's sun
warms my back
as I listen to the
beat of the drum.

Ancient rhythms
from time long past
and I feel the
beat of the drum.

My spirit dances
with joy and feeling
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beat of the drum

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